

**Program and Curriculum Development**

Faculty, staff, students and administration may suggest changes to programs and curricula. Suggestions regarding changes to curriculum will be referred to the Curriculum Committee for the respective colleges. The Curriculum Committee will forward all proposed curriculum changes to the Vice Chancellor-Workforce Development and Educational Services, for consideration by the Educational Coordinating and Planning Committee (ECPC). Before the ECPC meeting, the Vice Chancellor may meet with the chairs of the Curriculum Committees, the Presidents of the Academic Senates, Vice Presidents of Students and Instruction, and interested faculty. The ECPC, consisting of the Presidents, Vice Chancellor-North Centers, Vice Presidents of Instruction and Students, Academic Senate Presidents, the Curriculum Committee Chairs, and the Curriculum Assistants will either recommend approval or disapproval proposed curriculum changes. The ECPC generally meets during the first week of May and November of each year. The Board will normally consider curriculum changes at its June and December regular meetings.

Curriculum changes include new courses, new programs, modifications to courses, modifications to programs, deletion of courses, and deletion of programs.

After approval for a new program has been obtained from the ECPC and the Governing Board, the material concerning a new program shall be prepared by the college concerned. Subsequently, the material will be submitted to the office of the Vice Chancellor-Workforce Development and Educational Services who shall secure the Chancellor's signature. New occupational certificates of 12 units or more, new options for occupational certificates and degrees and new associate degrees are first reviewed by the Central Region Consortium. All new program and program option proposals are then submitted to the California Community Colleges System Office.

Reference: Title V Sections 51021, 55000 et seq., 55100 et seq.; Accreditation Standards II.A.

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